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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 27, after "08/886,280" insert --(now U.S. Patent No. 5,846,729)--  
line 28, change "July 3" to --July 1--.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the specification is editorially revised to correct and update the cross-references to related applications.

This Amendment was prompted by the Supplemental Notice of Allowance, which pointed out that the original Declaration contained a typographical error regarding the filing date of parent Application No. 08/886,280.

In order to avoid any delay in the issuance of the patent, Applicant respectfully requests expedited entry of this Amendment after consideration of the following factors supporting this request (see MPEP § 714.16):

Why the Amendment is Needed

This Amendment corrects an obvious typographical error.

No Additional Search or Examination is Required

The proposed amendments do not require further searching or examination by the Office. The amendments are directed only to editorially revising the specification to correct a minor

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typographical error and to update the status of one of the applications cross-referenced in the specification.

Why the Claims Remain Patentable

The proposed amendments to the specification are purely editorial in nature and thus, do not affect the patentability of the claims.

Why the Application was not Amended Earlier

The typographical error was not discovered until the same error in the Declaration was pointed out by the Supplemental Notice of Allowability.

The Supplemental Notice of Allowability requires a substitute Declaration containing corrected continuing application data. Accordingly, applicants attach a substitute Declaration hereto, as well as an Addendum to the substitute Declaration necessitated by the fact that this application has been filed without the cooperation of the inventors.

Please charge or credit Account No. 03-0075 as necessary to effect entry and/or ensure consideration of this submission and its attachments.

Prompt entry of this Amendment and issuance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for

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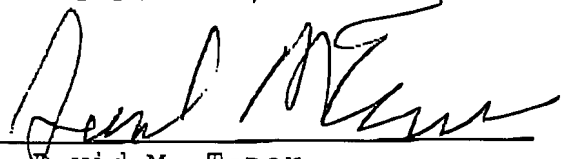
issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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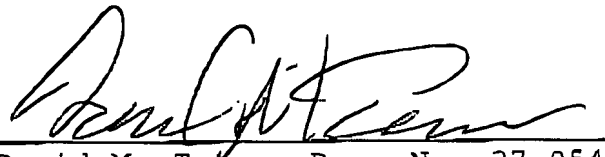
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment and attached Substitute Declaration with Addendum are being transmitted via facsimile to Examiner Ardin Marschel, Group Art Unit 1655, United States Patent and Trademark Office, at (703) 305-7939, on this 19th day of January, 2000.

  
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